

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to make the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

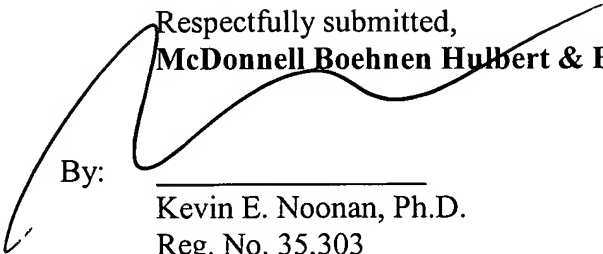
On page 1, line 3, please insert the following:

- This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/414,536, filed April 15, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 6,719,682, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/981,007, filed October 16, 2001, now 6,548,778, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/526,496, filed March 15, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,302,134, issued October 16, 2001, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/083,678, filed May 22, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,063,589, issued May 16, 2000, which claims priority to U.S. Serial No. 60/047,488, filed May 23, 1997. –

If Examiner Leary believes it to be helpful, she is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

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